

REMARKS

In order to facilitate the allowance of the patent application, applicant has amended the claims so that they substantially conform to what the Examiner indicated would be allowable in the Office Action dated February 6, 2007.

Thus, original Claim 37, now canceled, was rejected only under 35 U.S.C. 101 because of the recitation "a bandage that is attached to the subject". To overcome this rejection, the Examiner suggested amending the above expression to recite -- a bandage that is adapted to be attached to the subject -- . The feature of Claim 37 has been added to original Claim 1, but the word "bandage" has been changed to -- flexible sheet -- to agree with the language used in the specification, for example Page 19, first paragraph.

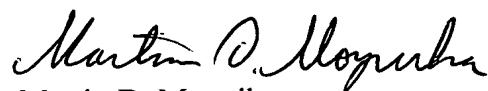
Independent Claim 47 has been amended to include the feature of Claims 38 and 40 which features were indicated as allowable, and therefore it is believed that Claim 47 is now also clearly allowable over the cited references.

Independent Claim 48 has been amended to include the features of Claim 10 and 13. It is believed that Claim 48 is also now clearly allowable.

Independent Claim 51 has also been amended to include the feature of Claim 34, and is also therefore considered to be allowable. The remaining Claims 55-73 have been allowed in the previous Official Action.

Accordingly, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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